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**MESSAGE**

Mr. Krishnan,

Attached is another copy of the Supplemental Declaration under Rule 63 which was filed with the Amendment dated January 13, 2003.

Please let me know if anything further is needed.

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**INVENTORS DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SELF-CROSS-LINKING ALKYL CELLULOSE DERIVATIVE, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND USE THEREOF**

the specification of which (check applicable box(es)):

☐ is attached hereto  
☒ was filed on January 29, 2001 as U.S. Application Serial No. 09/770,634 (Atty. Dkt. No. 1858-25)  
☐ was filed as PCT International application No. on  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed or, if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application:

Priority Foreign Application(s):

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
11-177517	Japan	23 June 1999 (Priority Not Claimed)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/365 of all prior United States and PCT international applications listed above or below:

Prior U.S./PCT Application(s): Application Serial No.	Day/Month/Year Filed	Status: patented pending, abandoned
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